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TO RUESDO/AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO IMMEDIATE 6966

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INFO RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY 9358

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TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ARREST BY GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY OF -
PIANIST MIGUEL ESTRALLAS

1. YEHUDI MENUHIN (LONDON TELEPHONE [] TELEPHONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY PATT DERIAN MORNING OF DECEMBER 28 TO REPORT THAT A PROMINENT URUGUAYAN PIANIST "DISAPPEARED" PROBABLY AS RESULT OF ARREST BY URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN MONTEVIDEO ON DECEMBER 16 AND THAT THE GOU HAS SAID THAT THERE WILL SOON BE A TRIAL. MR. MENUHIN DID NOT KNOW THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES, IF ANY, AGAINST ESTRALLAS BUT HE SAID THAT HE HAD MENTIONED THE CASE TO AMBASSADOR KINGMAN BREWSTER AT A SOCIAL OCCASION ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 15 AND AMBASSADOR BREWSTER HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN THE MATTER.

2. MR. MENUHIN SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MR. ESTRALLAS ARE BEING COORDINATED BY M. YVES HAGENAUER OF PARIS (TELEPHONE 843-9313 OFFICE, AND [] PHONE). ONE OBJECT OF THESE EFFORTS IS TO TRY TO EFFECT INDEPENDENT LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR ESTRALLAS.

3. MR. MENUHIN ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICIAL COULD BE PRESENT AT "TRIAL". DEPARTMENT OFFICER HANDLING CALL STATED THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOTIFY AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO OF THE CASE AND WOULD SEEK ADVICE OF OUR AMBASSADOR AS TO WHAT THE FACTS OF THE CASE ARE AND HOW USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SUGGEST THAT AMEMBASSY LONDON MAY WISH TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH MENUHIN ON THE MATTER. MENUHIN LEAVES LONDON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 FOR CONCERT TOUR OF U.S.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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